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# Tyndall firefighters battle off-base blaze

**Tech. Sgt. Sean E. Cobb**

*325th Fighter Wing  
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Tyndall firefighters and fire-fighting equipment assisted in combating and controlling a local wildfire off base last week.

A total of 19 Tyndall firefighters with P-18 water-distributor tanker trucks and P-26 pumpers were used to help fight a fire in the Callaway Heights area, according to Mark Broxton, 325th Civil Engineer Squadron fire protection chief.

“A call for assistance came in from the Callaway Fire Department July 6 in accordance with mutual aid agreements we have with the local surrounding communities,” Broxton said. “After a quick approval from our senior leadership, we were on the road within 15 minutes.”

The firefighters brought special safety equipment needed for fighting wildfires, jumped right in where they were needed and stayed, Broxton said. “Their primary duties at the scene were defensive in nature,” he said. “They were first assigned to keep the fire from jumping the roads, then the pumpers and tankers began re-supplying the brush trucks directly attacking the fire. They were also assigned to extinguish hot spots in the Callaway Heights housing area.

“Our guys aggressively attacked the fire and stayed out there for long periods of time without relief—sometimes even refusing relief,” Broxton added. “Being out there for so many hours at a time in those hot conditions is no small task.”

The part Tyndall firefighters played was invaluable in getting the wildfire under control. “What our firefighters did was very important to the overall fire-fighting efforts,” Broxton said. “The fire had to be kept from houses next to the fire area as well as prevented them from jumping roads to other communities — they accomplished that.”

Assistance from the Tyndall Fire Department was definitely appreciated, said Tommy D. Walls, Callaway fire chief and incident commander. “The Tyndall firefighters came in real handy—they have been a big help in controlling this fire,” he said. “We really appreciate the support from Tyndall. Their tankers have been especially useful in re-supplying us. If Tyndall ever needs our assistance, you can bet we will be ready to return the favor.”

There were about 120 people, at any one time, working to control the fire, along with agencies and fire departments from all over Bay County, Walls said.

Everyone working together is what makes a successful fire-fighting effort, Broxton said. “This was a team effort,” he said. “We thoroughly incorporated ourselves into the fire-fighting forces, and the combined efforts of all our people were successful by the fact that homes were not damaged and there were no severe injuries to the firefighters.”

The Callaway Heights fire was brought under control Sunday with approximately 1,000 acres burned.



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**Staff Sgt. William Hadley, 325th Civil Engineer Squadron lead firefighter, throws a re-supply hose back onto a P-18 water-distributor tanker truck after filling a brush truck in preparation to move to another hot spot of the Callaway Heights wildfire.**

## AF announces revised selective re-enlistment bonus list

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN)** — The Air Force has completed its latest review of the Selective Re-enlistment Bonus program, again increasing the pool of eligibles by four skills.

SRBs are a key monetary incentive to encourage sufficient re-enlistments in certain enlisted Air Force specialties to sustain career force objectives in those skills. These reviews are conducted semi-annually, normally in June and December, and involve a comprehensive review of all enlisted specialties.

The criteria used for determining which enlisted skills receive an SRB include current and projected skill and total-manning levels, re-enlistment rates by SRB zone and cat-

egory of enlistment, career field force structure changes and inputs from individual functional career field managers. SRBs are authorized in .5 increments (or multiples) and in three re-enlistment zones for personnel with between 17 months and 14 years of service.

The revised Air Force Specialty Code listing of SRB skills includes 56 zone A (17 months to six years of service), 43 zone B (six-10 years of service), and 12 zone C (10-14 years of service) multiplier increases; eight zone A, 25 zone B, and six zone C additions, and two zone A and B multiplier decreases from the list published in January.

There are many AFSCs being revised this time around. A total of 152 skills, approximately three-fourths of the Air

Force skills, are now eligible for an SRB in one or more zones. This is a net increase of four skills from the previous list. Three zone A and three zone B SRBs were deleted; and 10 new AFSCs were added in either zones A, B, C or some combination.

The additions and multiple increases were effective June 20. The SRB multiple decreases and deletions are effective July 31.

For more information on the re-enlistment bonus program, visit the Air Force Personnel Center’s Enlisted Skills web site at: [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/enlskills/](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/enlskills/), or call the Tyndall Military Personnel Flight’s re-enlistment office, 283-2038.

# Team Tyndall tests wing capabilities during recent crown silver exercise

## Exercise provides learning, improvement opportunities

**Master Sgt. Rob Fuller**  
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*public affairs*

The 325th Fighter Wing exercise-evaluation team put Team Tyndall through the paces this week during Exercise Crown Silver 00-04. The exercise tested the base’s capability to respond to a terrorist threat, then transitioned to deployment and employment scenarios. During the antiterrorism portion, evaluators tested the wing’s ability to

detect unauthorized personnel on the flightline and other suspicious activity around the base. A major element evaluated was the commander’s battle staff — how it reacted to intelligence inputs and how the information flowed to unit control centers. “The processing and dissemination of information throughout the wing and base is critical to successfully reacting to contingencies, both real and exercise, in a timely and efficient manner,” said Master Sgt. Frank H. LaBroad III, 325th FW plans

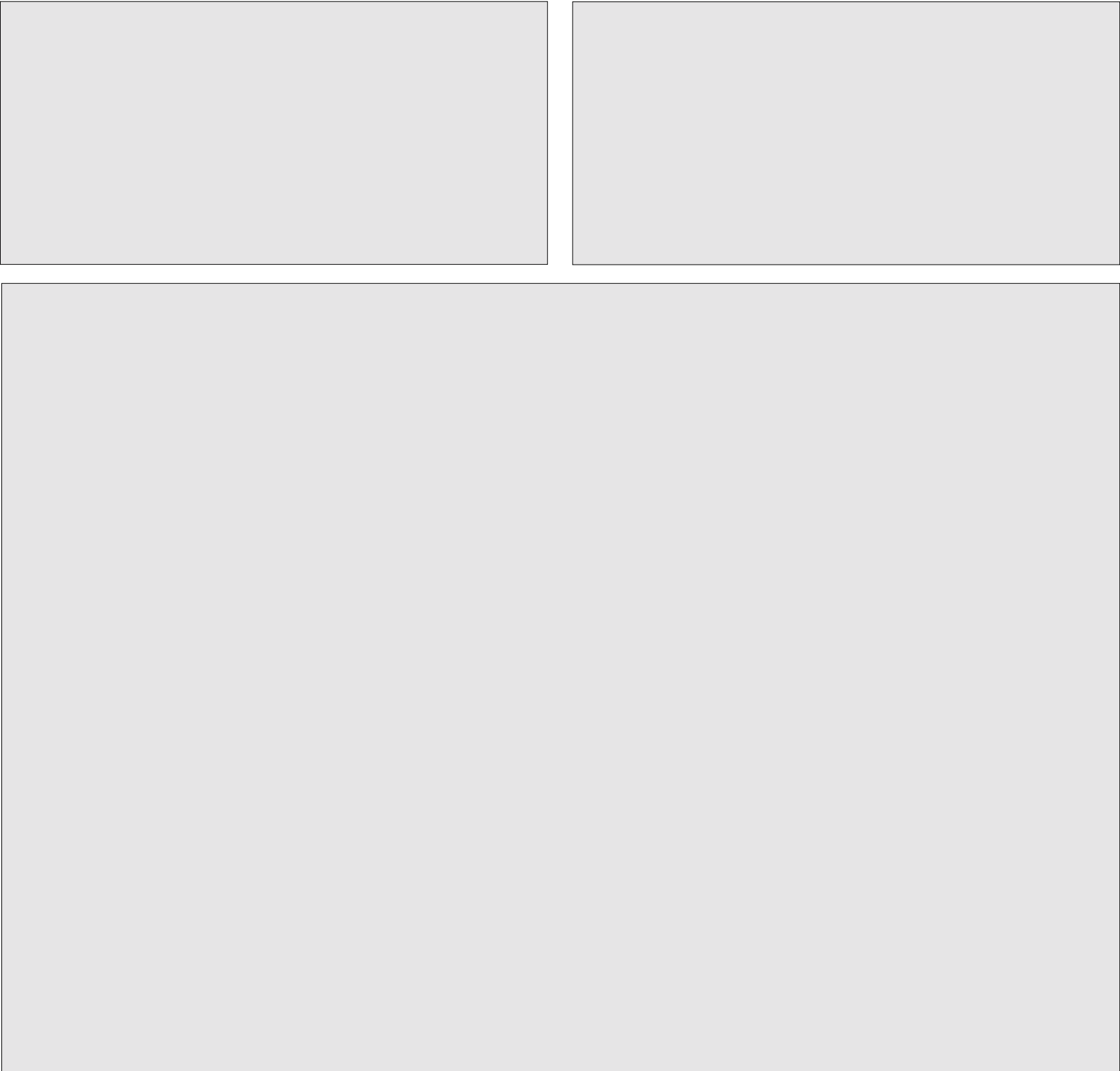
and exercise office superintendent. Wednesday, the exercise transitioned to a deployment phase, generating the mobility machine that processed more than 84 people and 21 tons of cargo to a simulated destination. Once the people and cargo were processed, they were moved to the contonement area for the field evaluation. This final phase included several scenarios in which deployed troops evaluate their wartime mission capabilities and had an opportunity to hone their skills. The employment phase focused the deployed forces’ ability to survive in operate during war, LaBroad said. Realism is key to ensuring people

train like they fight, and using ground-burst simulators and blank ammunition helps to keep the mind set on the real reason the troops train so hard, he said “We strive to create realistic exercises to test the wing’s ability to react to a wide variety of threats, without compromising safety or impacting the wing mission,” LaBroad said. One of the most important facets of the employment evaluation is integrating a chemical-threat environment into scenarios and increasing the mission-oriented protective postures, or MOPP, LaBroad said. This gives deployed forces the opportunity to practice accomplishing their wartime mission during the most difficult cir-

cumstance — a chemical warfare environment. “Everyday tasks become much more difficult in a chemical-threat environment, and it is important to prepare people for this environment,” he said. Maj. Gen. Walter E. Buchanan III, 325th FW commander also stressed the importance of this recent exercise. “These exercises are extremely important. They let us know how ready we are, and where we need to make improvements. They are an enormous undertaking and many people are involved, from the exercise planners to the troops who drag the bags through the processing line,” he said. “I want to thank everyone who was involved.”

**Highway 98 work continues**  
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In the next few weeks, Team Tyndall members can expect increased delays when traveling U.S. Highway 98, due to the ongoing highway rehabilitation project. The project is divided into two phases: signalization and drainage system upgrades, and milling and paving. The signalization work has been completed and the drainage work starts around July 13. This drainage work will include removing and replacing the existing drainage pipes that run parallel to U.S. Highway 98 under Sabre Drive and School Road. Due to the nature of the work, it will be necessary to close these roads for one day during construction. The contractor has agreed not to start work on Sabre Drive until after July 17. However, the exact date has yet to be determined. The 325th Civil Engineer Squadron and 325th Security Forces Squadron are working to create an acceptable route for traffic flow during the Sabre Drive closure. Phase two of the project, milling and paving, should start shortly after the drainage work is complete. The contractor will be removing 1.5 inches of the existing roadway and extending the shoulders by 5 feet. This will temporarily create uneven driving surfaces, soft shoulders and congested travel lanes. Please allow more time when traveling to and from the base. It is also necessary to be alert and slow down while driving through construction zones. For more information on construction dates, read the *Gulf Defender*, watch Channel 12 or see the base mar-quees.





# De Leon renews POW/MIA pledge

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WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Accounting for those missing from past wars is a matter affecting today’s readiness, not just payment of a debt come due, according to Rudy de Leon, Deputy Defense Secretary .

Today’s service members count on the nation’s commitment to do all it can to find them and bring them home if they are captured, listed as missing in action or fall on the field of battle, de Leon said. “Our men and women in uniform will only have faith in us if we keep faith with those who went before,” he said in a recent speech to the National League of Families of Prisoners of War/Missing in Action in Southeast Asia.

De Leon reaffirmed the Department of Defense’s pledge to account for veterans missing from World War II, the Korean War, the Cold War and the Vietnam War.

“... Behind each black slab on that wall of the Vietnam Memorial, stand the families that yearn for answers ... And we will not waver in our efforts to bring them home. We will continue our diplomatic efforts to discover the whole truth about those last seen alive and in captivity,” de Leon said.

He noted American teams arrived in North Korea June 25 to conduct the first of five joint recovery operations slated to be complete by Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

This is the fifth consecutive year U.S. recovery teams have operated in North Korea, according to DOD officials. Since 1996, teams from the Central Identification Laboratory in Hawaii, known as CILHI, have conducted 12 such operations and recovered remains believed to be 42 soldiers. Remains of another 10 soldiers are undergoing forensic review at CILHI.

“I believe that with these efforts — augmented by the important work of the U.S.-Russian Commission on POW/MIAs — we can be more hopeful now than at any other time in the last half century that we will finally be able to account for many of the (more than) 8,000 still missing from the Korean conflict,” de Leon said.

He saluted the teams who work on investigative, research and recovery operations. They include Joint Task Force-Full Accounting based at Camp Smith, Hawaii, and Defense Intelligence Agency interviewers who now have a permanent space at Hickam AFB, Hawaii. He also recognized scientists at CILHI and the Armed Forces DNA Laboratory in Maryland, who do pioneering work with the latest state-of-the-art technology for mitochondrial DNA testing.

“I know how important these per-

# DOD reviews Bronze Star criteria, agrees with AF

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — The Department of Defense has finished its review of the criteria for the Bronze Star Medals awarded by the Air Force and Navy for Operation Allied Force and determined that both services awarded the medal properly and the recipients met the standards required.

According to Ken Bacon, DOD spokesman, the Air Force and Navy were well within the boundaries of precedents that had been set in past conflicts, including Vietnam, for awarding Bronze Stars.

“We’re obviously pleased and grateful to have such strong and definitive confirmation that our airmen deserve the medals they were awarded,” said Whit Peters, Secretary of the Air Force. “Those great airmen awarded the Bronze Star Medal should rest assured that no one doubts their exceptional service and meritorious achievements in Operation Allied Force.”

The issue was whether it was appropriate to issue Bronze Star Medals to troops who didn’t actually enter the combat zone but may have been part of a combat team at some distance from the conflict, Bacon said during a recent Pentagon press briefing.

One historical precedent for the medal being awarded to troops outside of a combat zone was found during the DOD review and related to

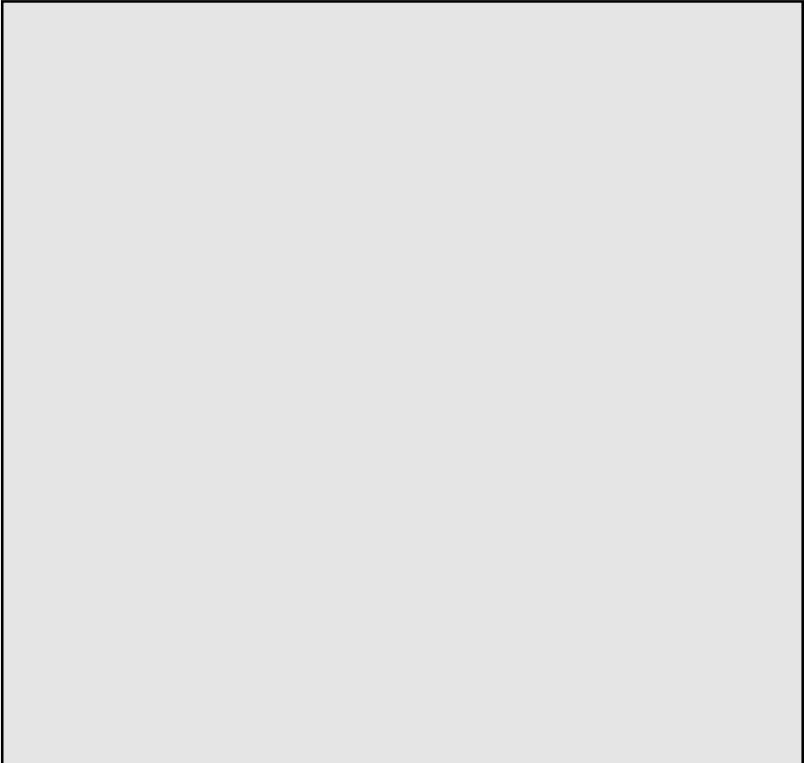
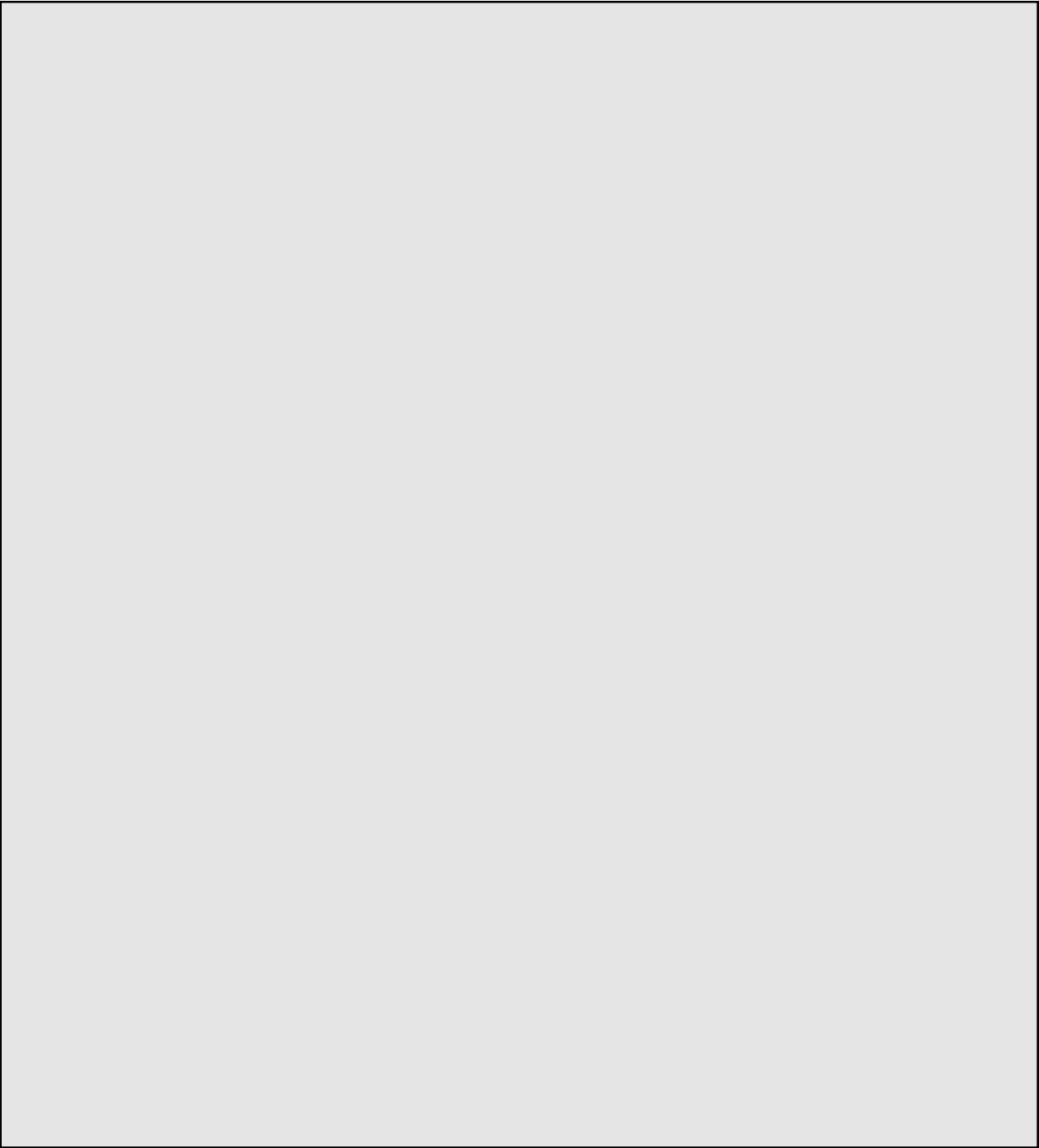
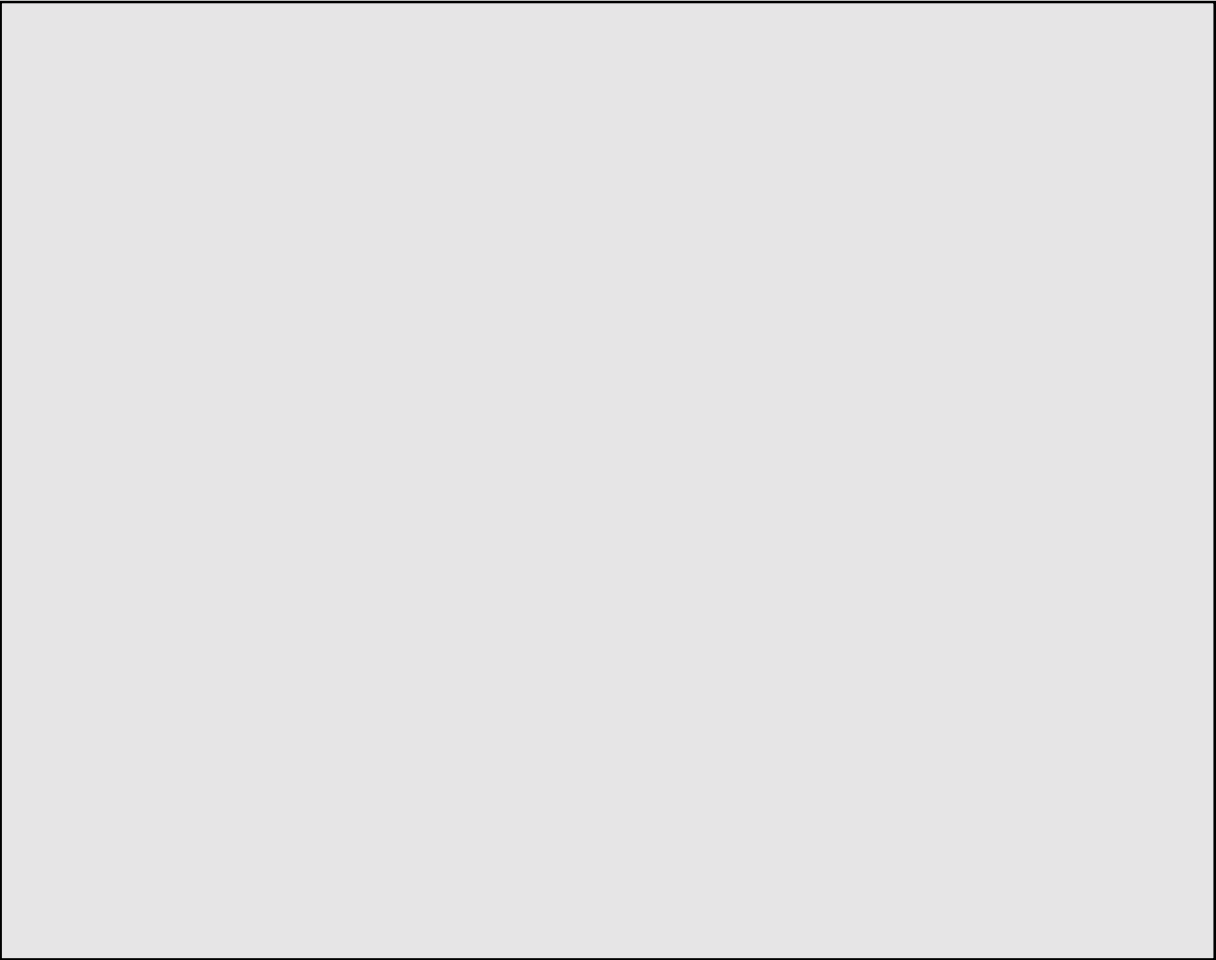
air teams stationed on Guam during Vietnam, according to the spokesman. However, simply following historical precedent was not the only consideration for the DOD’s decision to affirm the services’ awarding of the medal.

Bernard D. Rostker, Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, also looked at the appropriateness of the awards and whether the services adhered to the regulations, Bacon said.

In approving the Bronze Star Medal for those serving outside the area of hostilities, the Air Force noted that there are no geographical constraints for the medal listed in its executive order or the DOD manual.

Rostker found no reason to change the regulations and said that the services’ decision to award the Bronze Star Medals was completely appropriate, Bacon said.

“I’m also pleased that Dr. Rostker has taken on the challenge of ensuring that all of the Department’s medals and awards policies keep pace with the changing nature of warfare,” Peters said. “That is vitally important to the Air Force as the evolution of the expeditionary aerospace force continues and aerospace integration increases our ability to fight and win, while putting fewer and fewer people in harm’s way.”



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Category	'00	'99	Trend
On duty	1	0	+1
Off duty	7	6	+1
Traffic	3	1	+2
Sports	3	5	-2
Fatalities	1	0	+1
DUIs	11	7	+4



## Commander's corner: Wing exercise, wildfire hot topics for Tyndall

**Maj. Gen. Walter E. Buchanan III**  
325th Fighter Wing  
commander

This past week we successfully made it through another exercise, and I want to thank everyone involved for their efforts. Exercises are extremely important as they define our readiness – they let us know how prepared we are and where we need to make improvements. And while they primarily prepare us to execute in support of national command authority's objectives...they also help us prepare for our next Operational Readiness Inspection, which is currently scheduled for Jan. 22.

These exercises are an enormous undertaking by many people, from exercise planners who script and execute the scenario to the troops who actually go through the processing line and "deploy." As always, this past week showed we can meet the mission but also identified where we still need to hone our skills. In the coming months, you can expect we will continue to do just that. Thanks to all of you for your hard work and helping us to keep as sharp as possible.

Forest fires in the local area have also kept some members of *Team Tyndall* quite busy. With the current drought, wild fires have been a problem throughout our community. Numerous fires sparked up over the last week and a half, and our own firefighters responded to assist our local community in dousing the

flames. Anyone watching our local news noted how large some of these fires became and the effects of locally high winds as they threatened some local residences and buildings. Thanks to our firefighters for doing their part in battling these fires and making our community a safer place to live and work.

These fires also remind us that we are still under drought conditions. We all need to be very careful. Even though we have had some rain, these fires are a testament to how easy it is for one to start. Be careful and aware of what you are doing in our wooded areas. If you smoke, *please* dispose of your cigarette butts properly. A smoldering butt on the side of the road only needs a bit of wind and some dried grass, etc. to ignite. Thanks.

In an effort to help others, seven members of *Team Tyndall* are working to raise money for the fight against leukemia by running in the 2000 Marine Corps Marathon. **Capt. Tom Clavenna, Capt. Lisa Gray, 1st Lt. Mike Baily, 1st Lt. Jonelle Eychner, 1st Lt. Lori Vessels, 2nd Lt. Dean Domas** and **Ms. Lisa Carroll** are now in training to run in the October event. During their training, in which they have already logged more than 700 miles to date, they are actively raising money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of America. We applaud your effort and wish you the best in the coming race.

Thank you and have a great Air Force week.

## Action Line



Master Sgt. Rob Fuller

**Maj. Gen. Buck Buchanan, 325th Fighter Wing commander, thanks Staff Sgt. Wendy Aldridge, 95th Fighter Squadron commander support staff NCOIC, for showing him the fighter squadron's new home page that she developed.**

The Action Line is your direct line to me. It is one way to make Tyndall a better place to work and live.

Action Line calls are recorded and staffed through the proper agency. The goal is to provide you with an accurate, timely response. You must leave your name, phone number or address to receive a response.

Questions or comments of general interest will be published in this forum. This avenue should only be used after coordinating problems or concerns with supervisors, commanders, first

sergeants or facility managers. If you're not satisfied with the response or you are unable to resolve the problem, call me at 283-2255.

For **fraud, waste and abuse** calls, you should talk to the office of inspections, 283-4646. Calls concerning **energy abuse** should be referred to the energy hot line, 283-3995.

**Maj. Gen. Walter E. Buchanan III**  
325th Fighter Wing  
commander

# Help your Air Force team help you

**Master Sgt. Paul Ortiz**  
325th Civil Engineer Squadron  
first sergeant

As first sergeants and supervisors, we have people come to us every day and night with problems they need help solving.

People have asked us questions about everything from Air Force Aid to Zero-Overpricing — basically from A to Z. One of the first questions I ask when people come to me is, "What have you done to work your problem?"

The first sergeants are links to all the other base agencies, and on this base there are people and agencies available to help out with almost any problem you run

into. Whether a person wants legal advice at the area defense counsel or staff judge advocate's office, or spiritual advice from the chapel, it's there for the asking.

But a very smart lieutenant once told me that "customer service isn't about giving people what they are asking for, but figuring out what they need and helping them find that!"

If an individual comes to me for an Air Force Aid loan it might be what they want, but what they might need first is a good financial assessment to see if the loan

will fix the problem. If it won't, we are only putting them further down into the financial hole.

In addition, what has that person done to help themselves?

Have they called and written letters to their creditors?

Have they made any attempts to pay? Have they stopped or cut down on unnecessary cost items such as cable, phone, magazines or newspapers? (The last two being available for free at the public library.) Have they given me or the family support center's financial aid officer all the

information on their debts, or are there surprises waiting in the wings?

We tell our airmen in basic training and in technical school to come to us for help. What we also need to tell them is they need to give us all the information we need to do the job of helping them identify the problem.

There are a multitude of agencies available to help folks out at Tyndall, but remember, they are here to help out more than three thousand people, so come armed with all the facts they'll need to help you with your situation. In other words, "Help us help you!"

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Word



# Shoplifters beware at Tyndall

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Shoplifting is a crime that costs the Army and Air Force Exchange Service millions of dollars a year, and Tyndall is taking action to stop shoplifters in their tracks.

In the past year, 57 people have been caught shoplifting at Tyndall's main exchange. "This is a problem that affects everyone," said Judy Bailey, Tyndall AAFES general manager.

Lt. Col. Ed Manning, 325th Support Group deputy commander, agrees that shoplifting has a big impact. "Shoplifting is a serious offense and costs us all money out of

our pockets," he said. "In our facilities, shoplifting is just foolish. With all of the security measures we take, we are always going to catch the shoplifters."

Some of the security measures used at Tyndall's main exchange include:

- Security cameras placed throughout the entire exchange.
- Tagged items, which trigger an alarm system when a shoplifter tries to leave the store with merchandise.
- Sales associates trained to watch and detain anyone who is committing a criminal act.

There is also a cost-recovery program in place to deter shoplifting. In 1999, Tyndall began prosecuting shoplifters under Florida's civil code. This code requires shoplifters to pay

\$200, or three times the amount of any item stolen, whichever amount is higher. "People should realize shoplifting doesn't come without a heavy price," said Enrique Zayas-Berdecia, AAFES security manager.

Even with these measures, some people have not learned their lesson, said Zayas-Berdecia. In 1999 Tyndall experienced \$8,075 worth of shopifted merchandise at the main exchange, with all but \$2,692 of that recovered. "We are cracking down harder on shoplifters," he said. "Shoplifting is not going to be tolerated and it is just not worth it."

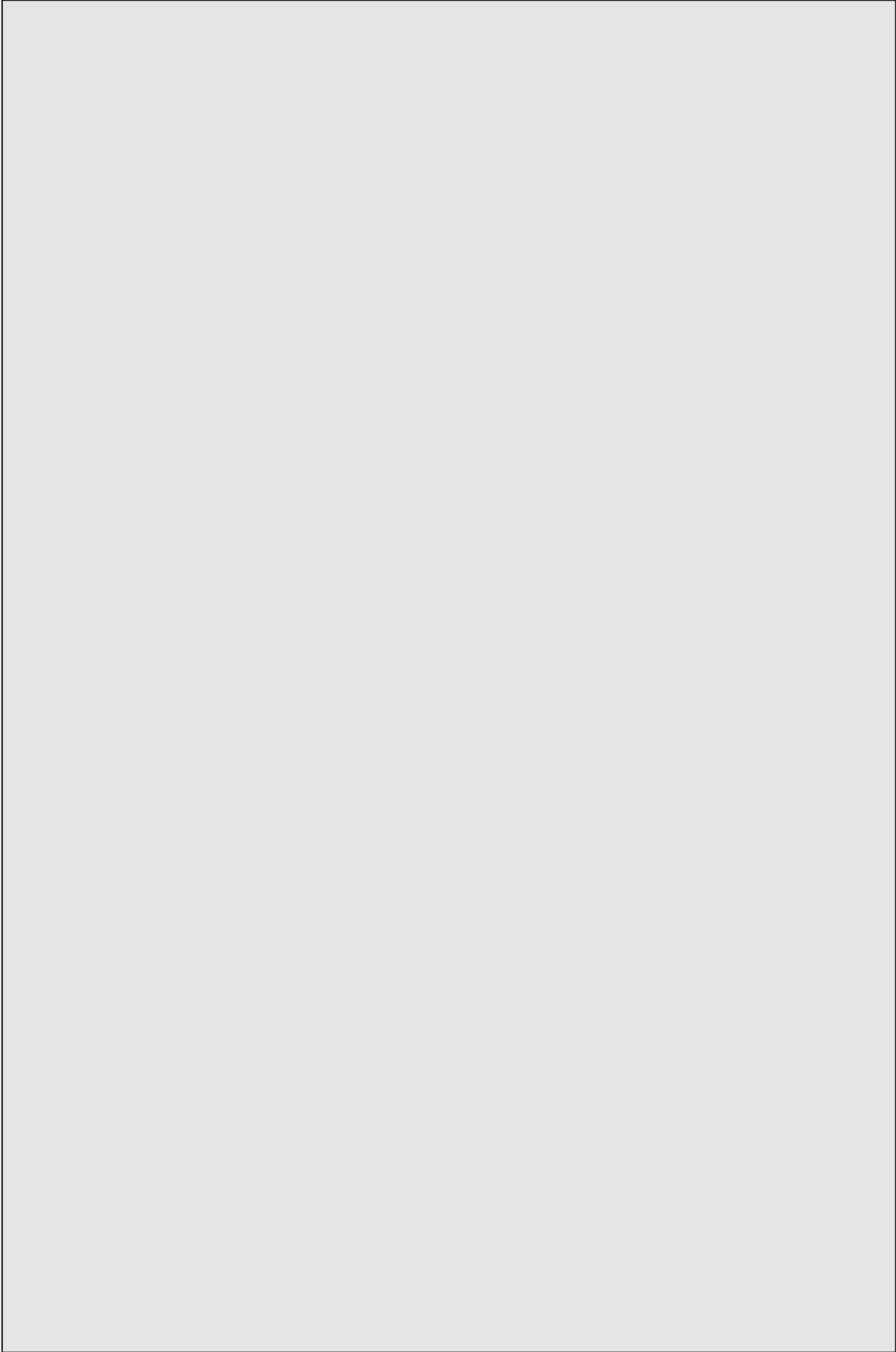
Currently the exchange system is experiencing problems in two areas,

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Tech. Sgt. Sean E. Cobb

The Tyndall main exchange has an elaborate system of security cameras by which every area of the exchange is monitored constantly.



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and they are cracking down on criminals involved in these types of shoplifting. “The first area is soda refills at all AAFES food facilities, to include the shoppettes and Burger King franchise on base,” he said. “Soda refills are only free while in the food court or while in Burger King. People cannot buy drinks, leave the immediate area, then come back in for a refill. That is shoplifting. We are actively monitoring this situation and people doing this will be picked up for shoplifting.

“The second area is people driving off from AAFES service stations after filling up with gasoline,” Zayas-Berdecia said. “If you are thinking about getting gas and not paying for it — think again. This is shoplifting and it could ruin your career, or if you are a dependent, someone else’s. Since this increase in drive-offs, we are training our people to be more observant and report quickly so the shoplifters will be caught immediately. Again, it’s just not worth it.”

Shoplifters on base fall into three categories and each is punished differently.

The first category is active-duty members. They are not only punished by Florida law, but are also punished under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Finally, they may lose their AAFES and commissary privileges.

The second category is dependents. Dependents may lose their AAFES and commissary privileges, have a federal charge on their record, will not be able to work for any government agency, and may be barred from the base for a certain amount of time. Also, dependents can adversely affect their sponsors’ careers.

The third category is unauthorized people. Unauthorized people — those who are sponsored on base but do not have exchange shopping privileges, will be charged with shoplifting, and the person who sponsored them on base will also be charged with shoplifting.

In addition to these penalties, all shoplifters will have to appear in front of a federal magistrate. They will receive a civil demand letter that has a \$200 fine, and their Morale, Welfare, and Recreation facility privileges may be suspended, Zayas-Berdecia said.

It is important for people to be aware that shoplifting is a serious offense, Manning said. “Besides being aware of the penalties themselves, Air Force members need to talk with their dependents and visitors, making sure they understand that shoplifting will not be tolerated and has some severe repercussions,” Manning said.

Shoplifting is a crime that is easy to catch with all the high technology security measures available today, Zayas-Berdecia said. “I urge people to think very hard before they decide to take an item without paying for it,” Zayas-Berdecia said. “We are watching you, and you will be punished.”

## Feature

# Tyndall runners race against time

## Checkertail team 'runs' to help find cure for cancer

**1st Lt. Catie Devlin**

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Seven Team Tyndall members begin every morning fighting leukemia, and they're currently 26.2 miles closer to finding a cure.

Together, the Checkertail Runners have been training for more than a month and a half in preparation for the annual Marine Corps Marathon scheduled for Oct. 22 in Washington, D.C.

The team includes: **1st Lt. Lori Vessels**, 325th Maintenance Squadron chief of quality assurance evaluators; **1st Lt. Mike Bailly**, 325th Communications Squadron deputy flight commander information systems; **Lisa Carroll**, 325th CS visual information photographer and graphic artist; **Capt. Tony Clavenna**, 325th MXS maintenance supervisor; **2nd Lt. Dean Domas**, 325th Training Squadron air battle management student; **1st Lt. Jonelle Eychner**, 325th Services Squadron executive officer and **Capt. Lisa Gray**, 325th TRS ABM student.

"We have joined the fight to help cure leukemia for two reasons," said Vessels, who leads the team as the Checkertail Runners' coach; "to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of America, which is dedicated to finding cures for blood-related cancers, and to run the Marine Corps Marathon in honor of Senior Master Sgt. Ralph Curtis — one of our own who is currently in remission from chronic lymphocytic leukemia. In our efforts, we hope to make a difference — to contribute something back to the community."

Set by the leukemia society, each person must raise \$2,800 at a minimum to be considered part of an official "Team in Training" by the foundation. "We each have to turn in \$1,400 by the end of this month and the rest by Sept. 17," Vessels said. "Unfortunately, we've only been able to raise a total of \$700 so far."

Due to the restrictions placed on military members trying to solicit funds, the Checkertail Runners have had a hard time raising money for their cause. "We don't have any major or corporate sponsors yet, but we'll take donations from anyone who wishes to give," Vessels said. "Anybody can sponsor the individuals on the team. However, we're sticking to flat donations in increments of \$25 since the money has to be submitted in advance, of course we'll be happy to accept any more or less."

To raise money, the team has sponsored an aerobics marathon, as well as a refreshments booth at Tyndall's Fourth of July Heritage Day celebration. "In the future, we're looking at bagging food in a local supermarket, having bake sales, gas pumps, car washes, a golf tournament and a 5K run," Vessels said. "We aren't an official Tyndall team because we're raising money for a non-military organization. Therefore, all our fundraisers will be held off base ... so look for us."

As for any funds donated, the team has set up an account with the Tyndall Federal Credit Union, and although each person is responsible for raising their own amount, all the money collected goes into one account and will be divided up evenly in the end.

"We track our personal successes on a spreadsheet, but we all deposit into one account — everyone's money goes to the entire team," Vessels said. "That's the main concept behind this whole thing — teamwork; it's a team sport. No one will finish this marathon alone."

Although fundraising is moving slowly, training seems to be right on track. "The team constantly makes comments about the daily training regimen I have designed," Vessels said as she smiled. "All our group practices are done on base. We get one day off — Mondays — and one day to do whatever we want."

### Checkertail Runners' daily training schedule:

- Monday: day off
- Tuesday: 5-6 a.m. — cross training (bike 14-16 miles)
- Wednesday: 5-6 a.m. — middle-distance run (five-six miles)
- Thursday: 5-6 a.m. — speed run (three-four-mile indian sprint)
- Friday: 5-6 a.m. — middle-distance run (five-six miles)
- Saturday: non-organized cross-training (person's choice)
- Sunday: 6 a.m. — distance run (currently up to 14 miles)

"We'll be up to 24 miles about two weeks before we run the race," Vessels added. "On our distance days, we average about a nine-and-a-half-minute mile. We take a vehicle with refreshments and park it at our half-way point. We run to the vehicle, stop, drink fluids, eat oranges and press for the rest of the half. Our goal is to run the 26.2 miles in under four hours," she said.

The team is about a third of the way through their four-month program. "We've had a few ailments — mostly sore legs, and our lactic thresholds (when the muscles start to burn) are lower because of the humidity," Vessels said. "It's a constant battle to keep water in our systems."

"Our two biggest challenges are the heat and being



Checkertail Runners from left to right, top row: Capt. Tony Clavenna, 325th Communications Squadron deputy flight commander information systems; Lisa Carroll, 325th CS visual information photographer and graphic artist; 1st Lt. Jonelle Eychner, 325th Services Squadron executive officer and Capt. Lisa Gray, 325th TRS ABM student.

careful of the vehicles that don't want to move to the other side of the road when we're running," Vessels stated. "We wear our reflective belts and run real early, but because there are times we need to run on the road, safety is my number one concern."

Being prepared for the big race doesn't seem to worry any of the team members. "Training-wise, we'll be ready," Carroll said. "Even though most of us are running distances we've never run before and reaching new milestones every day, the toughest part so far is waking up at 4:30 a.m."

As a whole, the Checkertail Runners have logged more than 700 miles and are well on their way to running the Marine Corps Marathon in October. "The team has definitely come together," Vessels said. "We've had to throttle some folks back and extend some folks past their mileage. None of us are out there to prove we can run faster than anyone else. We're out there for Sergeant Curtis and for all those battling leukemia."

According to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of America, more than 60,000 people are diagnosed in the United States with leukemia, lymphoma or myeloma each year, and a child or adult dies every nine minutes from these diseases. "We hope to fight these numbers," Vessels said. "We hope you will too."

For more information on the Checkertail Runners or to make a donation to individuals on the team, call 1st Lt. Lori Vessels, 283-2101.



Bailly, runs.





Courtesy photo

, 325th Maintenance Squadron maintenance supervisor; 2nd Lt. Dean Domas, 325th Training Squadron air battle management student and 1st Lt. Mike information systems, bottom row: 1st Lt. Lori Vessels, 325th MXS chief of quality assurance evaluators; Lisa Carroll, 325th CS visual information ices Squadron executive officer and Capt. Lisa Gray, 325th TRS ABM student.



1st Lt. Catie Devlin

right, sprints to the front of the line on one of the team's three to four mile indian from left to right, he is followed by: Carroll, Eychner, Vessels and Gray.



1st Lt. Catie Devlin

Vessels, left, and Carroll stretch out their hamstrings after biking 14 miles during a recent cross-training practice.

# Reservists help create ‘The Perfect Storm’

**Jim Miller**  
*Air Force Reserve Command Public Affairs*

**ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. (AFP)** — In recent years, the Air Force has become more involved in supporting major Hollywood film productions. The latest big-screen venture is “The Perfect Storm,” a Warner Brothers feature film released June 30 in theaters nationwide.

“We’ve been on a long roll for the last three or four years with the biggest summer movies involving the Air Force,” said Chuck Davis, chief of television and motion pictures in the Air Force’s regional public affairs office, Los Angeles. “Other major productions involving the Air Force in recent years are ‘Air Force One,’ ‘Armageddon’ and ‘Tomorrow Never Dies.’”

In a scene from “The Perfect Storm,” members of the Air Force Reserve Command’s 305th Rescue Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz., and the Air National Guard’s 129th

Rescue Wing, Moffett Field, Calif., simulated the rescue of stranded fishermen off the coast of New England.

“The production team was very interested in keeping the Air Force’s participation as accurate as possible, which is one of the reasons we got involved,” said Col. Kent Clark, 305th RQS commander.

Based on a book of the same title by author Sebastian Junger, film director Wolfgang Petersen, who also directed “Air Force One,” drew on the talents of George Clooney, Mark Wahlberg, Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio and other stars to bring the story to life.

“The Perfect Storm” is actually about three storm systems that came together in October 1991 to create an unusually severe weather condition.

Before the filming began, members of the cast and crew attended a one-week pararescue training camp in Arizona. They learned the purposes of the helicopter’s dials and switches, flew on a helicopter during a simulated rescue mission, were hauled from a

lake by harness into a helicopter and night-vision goggle training.

Quoted on the movie’s official web site, actor Dash Mihok, who plays a pararescue specialist, said, “The parajumper program gave us a chance to experience what a rescue operation was like. You’re down in the water with a chopper only 50 to 60 feet above you and it’s hard to see, breathe and communicate. It really gives you an appreciation for the skills and concentration these guys have to have. When it came time for us to do those scenes on stage, we understood a lot of what was involved.


“Sitting in the water for 10 minutes waiting for the camera to roll, then hearing the sound of the fans get more and more deafening, and the wave-makers bobbing you up and down like apples in a barrel — it all felt a lot like what we went through in training,” Mihok said. “My character was supposed to be unconscious during part of this scene and that was hardest for me. If I started drowning, I was supposed to stop and let them know.”

## Tyndall’s chapel schedule

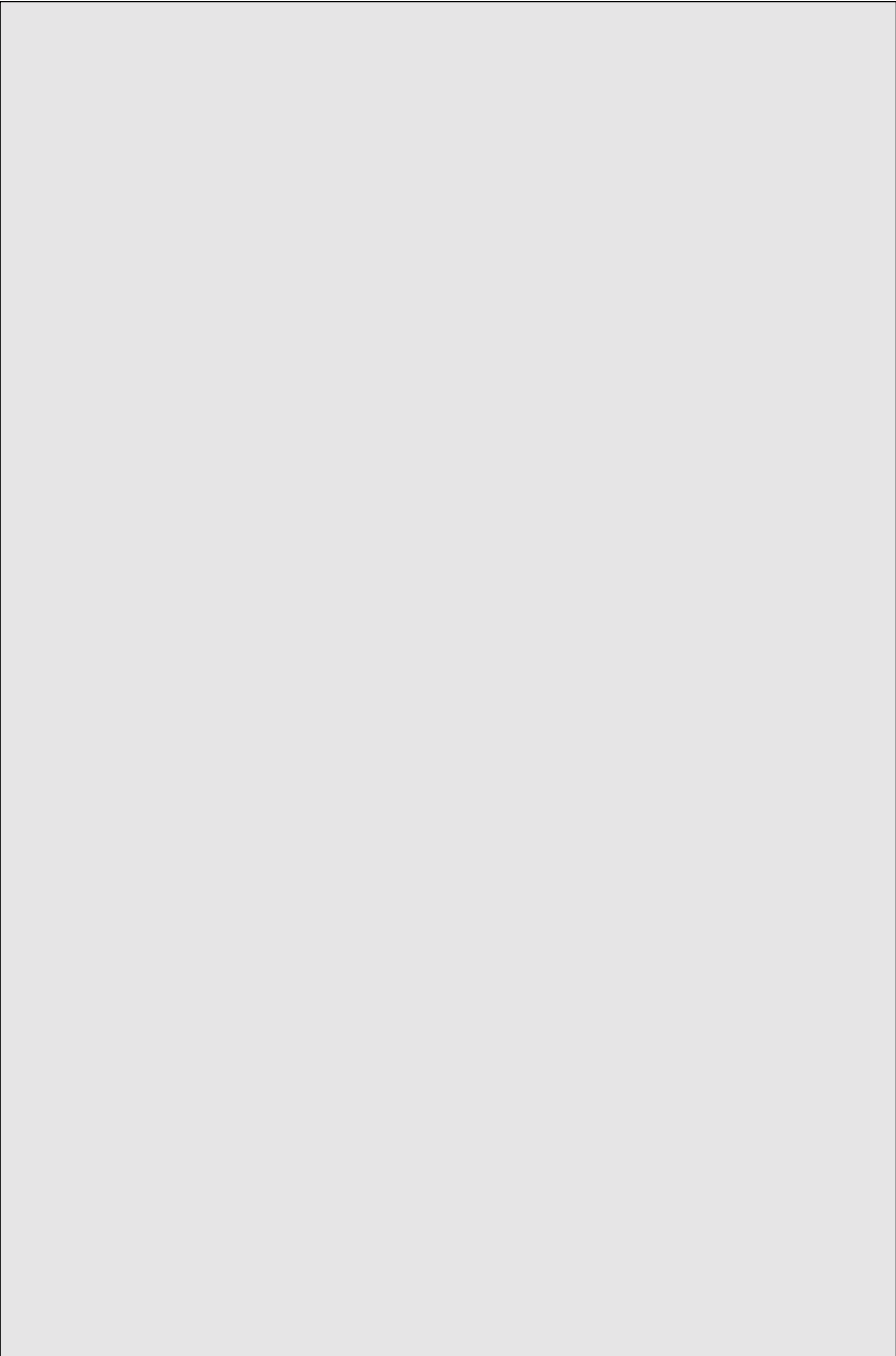
<b>Protestant</b>	Reconciliation: 4 p.m. Saturday
Communion Service: 9:30 a.m. Chapel 1	Mass: 5 p.m. Saturday, Chapel 2
General Protestant Service: 11:00 a.m. Chapel 2	Mass: 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Chapel 2
Sunday school: in recess for the summer	Religious education: in recess for the summer
Kids’ Club: in recess for the summer	Chapel 1: 283-2691
<b>Catholic</b>	Chapel 2: 283-2925
Daily Mass: noon Monday through Friday, Chapel 2;	Spiritual Maintenance: 283-2367
	<b>Other faith groups:</b> Call 283-2925

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sonnel are,” de Leon said. “I am committed to protecting the resources that are so essential to our mission.”

The DOD is sending a team to CILHI to review their mission requirements, get their concerns about their manning levels resolved, and ensure that their organizational structure and resources fit the mission, de Leon said. The Life Sciences Equipment Laboratory in San Antonio will be provided the resources they need to meet their critical supporting role, he added.

The deputy secretary is well aware of the lack of closure surrounding the missing in action. His uncle, a staff sergeant from Colorado, was a Korean War POW. “After 20 years of searching, two weeks ago I read the file on him from the Army archives,” de Leon said. “Reading that file today and looking at how we work with our families 50 years later, there are so many dramatic changes.”

A simple telegram sent to de Leon’s aunt reported his uncle as missing. The years passed, the armistice was signed, and there was still no word, he said. Finally, some prisoners released from North Korean camps reported that they’d seen her husband and they witnessed his death. The Army records simply say the cause of death was malnutrition and dysentery.

“In the file, I read the letter that his mother wrote to the Army saying, ‘I’ll do anything possible to have my son returned to me.’ As I read this file ... I could understand the stories that my mother had been telling me about my aunt, about how there was nowhere for her to go, about why she was so bitter — a wife with two children living with her mother, my grandmother, untouched by any support system, such as the league offers today.”

The National League of Families of POW/MIA in Southeast Asia has helped change the landscape “so that people like my aunt will never be alone again,” de Leon said. “No matter what happens. No matter how difficult it is to trace what happened.”

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self-help project — we  
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Guide

in the  
Tyndall community

JULY

FRI 14

AFROTC schedule

The Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps’ second encampment has arrived at Tyndall and will remain until Aug. 11. Be especially watchful for cadets crossing at the intersection of Georgia and Illinois avenues, across from the base theater, between 12:30-1 p.m. daily.

Also, cadet dining hours at Tyndall’s Berg Liles dining facility will be: breakfast, 6-7:12 a.m.; lunch, 11:20 a.m.-12:52 p.m.; and dinner, 4:20-5:32 p.m.

‘Shrinking Childhood’ workshop

A ‘Shrinking Childhood’ workshop for parents and youth leaders is 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. today in the health and wellness center conference room. The workshop is based on Dr. David Elkind’s book, “The Hurried Child.” The main message is stressed children can grow into stressed adults, and we need to decrease pressures from parents, media and schools. For more information or to make a reservation, call the family advocacy center, 283-7272.

MON 17

Water-mains flushing

The 325th Civil Engineer Squadron will be flushing water mains Monday and Tuesday in the Wood Manor and Felix Lake housing areas. The flushing may cause water discoloration for several days. It is recommended you do not wash white clothing until the water is clear again. For more information, call civil engineering, 283-4949.

Water outage

A water outage due to water distribution system maintenance will be 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday. The outage will affect Constellation Circle and Buildings 1251-1265.

Play-group meeting

The ‘Mom, Pop & Tot’ play-group meeting will be 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Tyndall Bowling Alley. For more information, call Bonnie Fuller, 286-5812.

Anger-control workshop

The three-session anger-control workshop will continue 9-11 a.m. Monday and July 24 in the family advocacy conference room. For more information or to register, call the family advocacy center, 283-7272.

TUE 18

AFSA meeting

The Air Force Sergeants Association’s general membership meeting will be 11:30 a.m. Tuesday in the Pelican Reef Enlisted Club Classics Lounge. The meeting is open to all active-duty and retired personnel.

Water outage

A water outage due to water distribution system maintenance will be 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday. The outage will affect 2852-2864 Sabre Drive, all of Sentry Lane, Star Circle, Falcon Street, Bomarc Street and the Tyndall Youth Center.

Couples’ workshop

The four-session couples’ communication workshop will continue 3-5 p.m. Tuesday, July 25 and Aug. 1 in the family advocacy conference room. For more information or to register, call the family advocacy center, 283-7272.

WED 19

Smooth-move workshop

A smooth-move workshop will be 9 a.m.-noon Wednesday in the family support center classroom. All military, Department of Defense civilians and family members are invited. For more information or to make reservations, call the family support center, 283-4204.

Parenthood-preparation course

The four-session parenthood-preparation course will continue 3-5 p.m. Wednesday and July 26 in the family advocacy conference room. For more information or to register, call the family advocacy center, 283-7272.

NCOA meeting

The NCO Association’s Chapter 1635 meeting will be 11:30 a.m. Wednesday in the NCO Academy auditorium. For more information, call Master Sgt. Gayle Black, 283-9728.

THU 20

DITY-move workshop

A do-it-yourself-move workshop will be 1:30-2:30 p.m. Thursday in the family support center classroom. For more information or reservations, call the family support center, 283-4204.

MON 24

Bible school

Vacation Bible school will be 8:45-11:45 a.m. July 24-28 in Chapel 2. For more information, call Staff Sgt. John Glass at the chapel support office, 283-2925.

FRI 28

Assumption of command

Col. Charles Shugg will assume command of the 325th Operations Group in a ceremony held 9 a.m. July 28 in Hangar 4. Everyone is invited.

NOTES

Dental-assisting program

The 325th Dental Operations Flight is accepting applications through Aug. 25 for the American Red Cross-sponsored volunteer dental-assistant training program. Up to five applicants will be chosen for the six-month course scheduled to start Sept. 11. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Richard Cotterman, 283-7590.

Dependent travel

Non-command sponsored dependents of active-duty members serving in unaccompanied overseas tours may now travel space available to and from the member’s location. Active-duty members must obtain written approval from the installation commander concerned for the dependent to travel. For more information, call 283-4360.

Pediatric clinic hours

Pediatric after-hour appointments will now be held in the

pediatric clinic, Building 1404. A full pediatric care-management team will be available for acute and routine appointments each evening and on Saturdays. To make an appointment for the after-hours clinic, call central appointments, 283-2778.

RETIREE NEWS

Making a will

Like many retirees, you may believe those nearest and dearest will automatically inherit your assets after your death. That’s partially right. Proceeds from trusts, insurance policies and accrued but unpaid military benefits will go directly to the beneficiaries named. However, if you do not have a will, the rest of your property will be distributed according to state law.

Because estate disputes arise when emotions are high, they can result in long-term damage to family relationships. A will dictates not only where your money goes, but also can be used to determine who receives treasured possessions of both monetary and sentimental value. A will does not have to be complicated. It can be short and simple, as long as it’s clear. Once a will is prepared, it should be reviewed and updated if required every few years, or when a major change occurs, such as divorce, death of a beneficiary or a new marriage.

The absence of a will unnecessarily complicates the settlement of estates. The Tyndall Legal Office can, by appointment, prepare both traditional and living wills for retirees. For more information or to make an appointment, call the legal office, 283-4681.

YARD SALES

The following yard sales are scheduled for Saturday: 3511 Pitsenburger Court, 3173-B Voodoo Drive, 2804 Falcon St. and 2810-A Falcon St. All yard sales are held between 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

BASE THEATER

**Today:** “Center Stage” (PG-13, language and some sensuality, 113 min.)

**Saturday:** “Center Stage”

**Sunday:** “Small Time Crooks” (PG, language, 95 min.)

**Thursday:** “Small Time Crooks”

BERG LILES DINING FACILITY

Today

Lunch: savory-baked chicken, pasta with clam sauce  
Dinner: ginger-barbecued chicken, onion-lemon-baked fish

Saturday

Lunch: grilled mustardy chicken breast, Swedish meatballs  
Dinner: creole fish fillets, chicken nuggets

Sunday

Lunch: beef pot roast, Parmesan fish  
Dinner: chili macaroni, lemon-baked fish

Monday

Lunch: veal Parmesan, spaghetti with meat sauce  
Dinner: spicy baked fish, meat loaf

Tuesday

Lunch: baked turkey and noodles, baked ham  
Dinner: roasted pork loin, lemon-herbed chicken

Wednesday

Lunch: tamale pie, pork adobo  
Dinner: lemon-baked fish, jaegerschnitzel

Thursday

Lunch: Chinese five-spice chicken, seafood pie  
Dinner: grilled bratwurst, roasted pork loin

Menus are subject to change.



# Tyndall helmet law unchanged

**Ken Jolley**  
*325th Fighter Wing safety office*

As of July 1, Florida law no longer requires individuals to wear helmets as long as they are over 21 and carry \$10,000 in medical benefits.

The law does not apply to military members. All military members riding motorcycles shall continue to wear DOT-approved helmets and other personal protective equipment both on and off base, on and off duty.

For Department of Defense civilians, you are required to wear approved helmets whenever on base or conducting DOD business, such as traveling TDY or going downtown.

However, after July 1, DOD civilians, off base, off the clock, will not be required to wear a helmet if they are 21 years of age or older and meet all other applicable state statutes.

Everyone who rides on base must comply with Air Force instructions, which require not only a helmet, but also the PPE listed in Air Force Instruction 91-207, paragraph 14. These items are: Long-sleeved shirt or jacket, full-fingered gloves or mittens, long trousers, eye protection consisting of goggles, full visor or full height windshield that is above the head and sturdy footwear. Leather boots or over-the-ankle shoes are strongly encouraged. In addition, brightly colored or contrasting upper garments during the day and reflective garments at night will be worn.

# Spotlight



Tech. Sgt. Sean E. Cobb

## Senior Airman George W. Wilson

**Squadron:** 325th Security Forces Squadron  
**Job title:** Personnel security specialist  
**Years at Tyndall:** Two years  
**Hometown:** Panama City Beach  
**Why did you join Team Tyndall:** I wanted to serve my country as it has served me.  
**Most exciting facet of your job:** Interacting with a wide variety of people and the sense of pride I receive from helping out fellow Air Force members.  
**Short term goals:** To start my master’s degree in communications and apply for officer training school.  
**Long term goals:** Work on my career as an Air Force officer and finish my master’s degree.  
**Favorite book:** “The Old Man and the Sea”  
**Favorite movie:** “Sixth Sense”  
**Hobbies and off-duty activities:** Softball, water sports and spending time with my wife, Misty, and my daughter, Ashton.







# Sports and fitness

## Pelican Point Golf Course to begin greens renovation

**Jean B. DeFrancesco**  
*325th Services Squadron  
business operations flight chief*

Pending command approval and final contracting actions, the Tyndall Golf Course is tentatively scheduled to undergo the first phase of a two-phase greens renovation, which will begin July

24 and last through Aug. 6. The first phase includes the renovation of the front nine holes and the putting green.

During the renovation period, the front nine will be closed while the contractors are present.

In addition to contracted renovations, the golf course staff will complete self-help work to

improve sand bunkers and correct irrigation problems on the front nine.

The course will tentatively re-open with temporary greens on the front nine Aug. 7. The temporary greens are scheduled to be in use until approximately Oct. 7.

A “grow-in” period is required to ensure that the new grass develops a good root system before it goes dormant and winter rye is planted.

Renovation of the back nine greens is tentatively scheduled to start in May 2001.

The golf course will offer reduced rates during both phases of these renovations, as well as during the “grow-in” periods.

Twilight rates will replace the daily-fee schedule during the renovation, and annual-fee players will receive reduced cart rates.

The golf staff asks that you bear with them during this period as they continue to make these improvements.

Every effort is being made to continue operations as smoothly as possible. Adjustments to the work schedule may be necessary. Your patronage and support are much appreciated.

For more information on the upcoming greens renovation or for any other questions, call the Pelican Point Golf Course staff, 283-4389.



Staff Sgt. John Asselin

**Mike Newbury, 325th Civil Engineer Squadron Tyndall Fire Department firefighter, follows through with his swing and watches his shot, while practicing his drive at the Pelican Point Golf Course’s driving range.**

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Intramural golf	
Squadron	
CONR 1	57
AFCESA	51
325 MXS	47.5
325 SVS	46.5
325 CES	49.5
325 MSS	48.5
325 TRS	46
SEADS	38.5
325 OSS	35.5
TEST 1	26.5
325 LSS 1	30
325 SFS	21
82 ATRS	21.5
RHS	21
CONR 2	19.5
83 FWS	18.5
81 TSS	14
325 COM	12.5
CONR 3	13.5
372 TRS	8
LSS 2	3.5

Intramural men’s softball		
Team	Wins	Loses
Falcon league		
325 OSS	11	2
1 FS	11	2
325 MDG	8	4
325 SFS	7	3
325 TRS 1	8	5
325 MSS	8	5
SEADS 1	8	6
325 COMM	8	6
325 MXS 1	6	6
2 FS	4	10
95 FS	3	12
325 MXS 2	1	10
83 FWS 1	0	12
Federal league		
AFCESA	12	2
325 LSS	11	2
TW	9	5
RHS	11	3
325 CES	8	4
325 SVS	9	6
CONS	8	8
53 WEG	6	7
CONR	4	10
83 FWS 2	4	10
SEADS 1	2	12
325 TRS 2	0	15

Intramural women’s softball		
Team	Wins	Losses
Eagle league		
325 OPS GP	3	0
325 MDG	2	1
NCOA	1	2
325 COM	0	3

## Fitness tips for the whole family

- Set an example — If you spend your evening in front of the TV you won’t inspire other family members to be more active. Set an example by making fitness a priority.
- Sneak in activity — Leisure-time events can be planned around active recreation — a backpacking trip, a day hike at a local park or a bike tour of the neighborhood. Your family won’t even realize they’re getting fit.
- Ageless activity — Walking, in addition to being an excellent aerobic activity, can be done by anyone regardless of age or fitness level.
- Make fitness fun — People usually fail to exercise due to boredom. Keep exercising fun. Turn family walks into an ‘adventure.’



Every member of Team Tyndall is valuable. Play it safe, don’t become a statistic.

